

Moro Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling announce the engagement of their daughter, Vivienne Lee, to James S. Green, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Green.

The bride-elect is attending Oregon State college and is affiliated with Delta Delta Delta. Mr. Green is in the army and is stationed at Fort Devens, Mass.

No date has been set for the wedding.

Esta M. Powell, till in the hospital following a heart attack, expects to leave there within the week and be at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mel Goodin, for a while, as the doctor says she must have at least another month of complete rest.

Words from Edith and Free Crews states they are fine and the weather is wonderful on the coast.

On January 25 the new officers assumed their stations in the Lupine lodge No. 116.

A presentation of a pin was made to Althea Burnet in consideration of her services during the past year.

Refreshments were served in her honor.

The members are looking forward to the visitation of Mrs. Beryl Drury, the state president of the Rebekah Assembly, which will be in March.

February 1 the Odd Fellows entertained the Rebekahs with an oyster fry and cards.

Bill Hall is in Corvallis this week to attend a conference of state and federal experiment station employees.

Opal Parkins is here again after a couple of weeks in Corvallis looking after her business there.

Gordon Durward Helyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Durward Helyer of Kent, joined the navy and was sent to San Diego, California for recruit training. He will study electronics while in the service.

The Past Noble Grand club of the Rebekah lodge of Moro met at the home of Mrs. Louis Sather last Friday afternoon. The time was spent playing cards, with refreshments served.

Mrs. Henry Barnum was hostess Tuesday afternoon for friends who gathered for bridge. Three tables were in play. Honored during the occasion were Mrs. Elvin Barnum, Mrs. Maggie Barnum and Mrs. Anna Moore, whose birthdays all come the first few days of February. Each were presented with a colorful towel set from the guests present. Mrs. Ernest Eslinger baked the birthday cake, which was served.

Larry Sayrs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lamer Sayrs of Moro, joined the navy, taking his physical examination Wednesday. He will be in limited service and will be sent to San Diego, California, where he hopes to study pharmacy.

Bob Martin was home from Salem and Willamette university for the mid-term vacation this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeMoss have moved their domicile in Phoenix. They have been seeing a lot of Sherman countians, Mr. and Mrs. Orlov Martin being there now and Fred Hennings and George Wilcox also visiting.

Ralph Rasmussen came home from Germany this week and spent a few days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rasmussen the first of the week. He will now go to Camp Lewis for final discharge.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Powell came up from Portland this week expecting to go back before the week is out.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sparling gave them a housewarming at their home in Portland Saturday night, a large number of the Portland Sherman countians being present.

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County Ramblin's

By County Agent Thompson

Last week we had some very interesting discussion meetings on the various government programs for wheat. During the discussion meetings a bulletin titled "Which Wheat Program" was distributed to farmers attending. This bulletin was authorized by a committee of northwest agriculture economists. It was not intended to be a complete treatment on the various wheat program, but does summarize the main features, and probable effects of six plans currently receiving the most attention. The bulletin discusses the 90% parity program, flexible supports, domestic parity and other programs. If other folks desire copies, we have them available at the county agent office. A few copies of this bulletin have been left at the Grain Growers Cooperatives at Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco.

The meetings last week developed a good bit of discussion and stimulated consideration of the various problems confronting the wheat grower. Farmers in attendance were asked what they wanted in a government wheat program and then tried to determine how these ideas would fit into presently proposed programs. Various opinions and interpretations resulted, but generally farmers, county wide, wanted a long time program that would last through 2 or 3 crop years, they wanted a program that would return them for their investment and labor a proportionate income in relation to industry, they wanted a program that would move wheat either in feed or export channels instead of piling up as a billion bushel plus surplus and a program that involves the least government control. Generally, farmers in attendance felt the Domestic Parity or two-price system to allow wheat production over domestic consumption needs to go into feed channels at competitive price might best fit their desires.

A recent summary of the problem faced by the U. S. wheat grower has been brought out by the USDA economist this week. They indicate that in spite of wheat acreage allotments, production this year is still greater than probable market outlets. The economists conclude that unless outlets can be increased U. S. farmers are faced with the prospect of large carryovers, and acre reduction and possibly marketing quotas for several years to come.

As the economist sees it, current annual consumption of wheat for food, feed and seed, is about 660 million bushels and "We'll be lucky to export 250 million bushels this season." This makes a total of 910 million bushels, while production is estimated at 969 million bushels.

Increased production in many importing countries is an important factor in the decrease in wheat trade. This increase is stimulated by price-support programs ranging from \$1.86 per bushel in the Netherlands to \$4.18 in Switzerland. Supports in other countries for the 1954 wheat crop are: United Kingdom, \$2.31; France, \$2.64 (last year \$2.84); Belgium, \$2.56; Austria, \$2.63 (last year \$2.52); Italy, \$3.07; and West Germany, \$2.72 to \$2.83 (last year

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As a result farmers in Europe have stepped up their wheat acreage from 66 million acres in 1945-49 to 71 million acres in 1953. Increased acreage, favorable weather, improved cultural methods, and increased use of fertilizer, have increased production from an average of 1,265 million bushels in 1945-49 to more than 1,700 million bushels in 1953 and 1954.

U. S. exports to European countries have declined from 417 million bushels, U. S. average for the 7-year period ending June 1952, to 216 million bushels for the year 1953-54.

The economist concludes that export outlets alone will not solve the surplus wheat problem. He emphasizes that much low-grade wheat should be used as animal feed in this country rather than to be used for food at home or exported. He stressed that this country is the best wheat market in the world—a market to serve the needs of 160 million consumers, most of whom are able and willing to pay premium prices for the good quality products they demand.

If the weather continues as at present, and wheat begins to grow some farmers will be thinking of annual weed sprays. A few short comments seem appropriate prior to weed spray work. The Amine formulation of 2,4-D is about equivalent to the Ester formulations when tar weed is young, the Amine formulations of 2,4-D is much less effective than Ester formulations as tar weed approaches the bolt stage, spraying of tar weed before it bolts to bloom is required to obtain a high degree of control. Iso-propyl and Butyl esters are equally effective

for tar weed control. The low volatile esters are about equivalent to the two mentioned type esters for tar weed control. The Amine materials are less volatile than either the esters or the low volatile esters, meaning that they will drift less after application. Farmers are encouraged to use the Amine type of material around their homes and those of you around the communities.

Liquor Sales Down; Profits Up

During December, people in Oregon spent \$8,016,358 for 117,135 cases of whiskey and other distilled spirits, the greatest monthly dollar volume in the history of the state liquor control commission. Despite the surge, however, liquor sales for the first half of the current fiscal year (July thru December) are 1.9 per cent below those for the same period last year, the commission reports, due to fewer purchases during August, September and October.

Nor is the amount of liquor purchased a record, being topped by sales of 121,802 cases in December, 1946.

Sales from July 1 through December 31, 1954, total \$23,703,391 as compared with \$24,159,288 for the same months in 1953. Sales of 469,711 cases during the first six months of the current fiscal year are 1.3 per cent fewer than the 475,738 cases sold during the same months of the preceding year.

Most popular brands for both periods are whiskey blended with neutral spirits (spirit blends) straight whiskey, vodka, bonded whiskey, Scotch whiskey, and gin.

Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox

Harlandview and Rufus grange Home Ec clubs presented Mrs. Janet Hornecker, county extension agent at large, in a demonstration at the Rufus hall, Thursday, January 27 at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Hornecker demonstrated the re-finishing of scratched, marred, and broken furniture in the home. Also an interesting film on re-finishing furniture was shown.

Mrs. Hornbecker plans to come again later in the spring. Cookies and coffee were served after the meeting to the women present.

January 24 and 26 a 4-H sewing workshop was held at the Community church in Moro for the leaders of the county. Mrs. Earl Pearson, Mrs. Don Macnab, and Mrs. Bill O'Brien attended from Rufus. Mrs. Janet Hornecker, home agent at large, from Corvallis, was the very capable instructor. She helped the leaders make up samples of articles to be taught the girls and helped them with present problems. There were nine leaders present. Another day will be spent in March, tentatively the first Wednesday finishing up the work started. The meetings were very helpful to the leaders, and they appreciate the fact that the county agent made this workshop possible.

A good crowd attended the spaghetti supper served at the school house Saturday night by the Rufus PTA. Mrs. Joe Morris president, was general chairman, with Mrs. Frank Reid chairman of the supper. Co-workers to Mrs. Reid were Mrs. Leland Medler, Mrs. F. W. Macnab, Mrs. Rachael Craig, Mrs. Connie Wright, Mrs. Joe Griggs and Mrs. George Fox. The upper grade girls at Rufus were waitresses with Mrs. Ray Brown directing them. The girls were Nadyne Grant, Arlene Macnab and Shirleen Craig.

After supper bingo was played in the lunch room. Dr. Frank Reid was chairman and he was assisted by Donald Macnab, Bill O'Brien and Joe Morris. A tidy sum from the affair was made. This was the first money the PTA had made for several years.

Atlee Wilson reports that is son Stacy Wilson who was ill is better. Mrs. Atlee Wilson is still in Portland with her son, but he is able to be up and around now.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Malone are parents of a son born early Saturday morning, January 29, at a hospital in The Dalles. The little boy weighed in at six pounds and is named Francis Junior. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Bob Morris. This is the Malone's first child. The Malone's made their home in a trailer at Rufus this past winter but are moving into a house recently made ready by Walter Morris, it is reported.

At the last Rufus grange card party high score point winners in canasta were James Maddox and Mrs. Mae Fowler, and low went to Mr. and Mrs. George Harris. The pinocchio high winners were Atlee Wilson and Mrs. Mae Morfitt and low went to Sam Brock and Mrs. Roland Johnson. There will be a card party at the Rufus grange hall February 5th.

The Rufus grange is making preparations for its social and dance on Saturday, February 12.

The Rufus high school boys went to Wasco Tuesday night for a basketball game. At the half, Wasco was leading by two points, but the Rufus boys evened the score and made an edge of 53 to 39 at the whistle. Howard Garland was high man for Wasco with 14

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points. Jimmy Fox was high for Rufus with 23 points. The Wasco school served a lunch to both the ball teams after the games.

The Wasco grade school beat the Rufus grade school basketball team at Wasco Tuesday night by a score of 28 to 21. Dave Wallace was high scorer for Wasco and Vincent Belloni was high for Rufus.

Mrs. Charles Wilson who had a body cast for a back injury will soon be out of the hospital, but will have to wear a brace for her back.

When the Rufus high school basketball boys tangled with Condon Friday night the score was too one sided to mention in favor of Condon. The game was on Condon's floor, Condon comes to play Rufus here February 5.

Mrs. Fay Brackett underwent surgery at The Dalles Thursday morning. She is reported to be getting along satisfactorily and

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